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RAMONA PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT REVISED ORDINANCE

On August 27, 2002, your Board granted a 30-day continuance on the proposed Ordinance establishing the Ramona Preferential Parking District. Since that time, Public Works has been working with the Bonita Unified School District (BUSD), City of La Verne, local residents, and law enforcement agencies to address the residents' traffic and parking concerns. These concerns revolve around spillover traffic and parking from Ramona Middle School, located in the City of La Verne at the intersection of Ramona Avenue at Gladstone Street, into the unincorporated residential area on the west side of Ramona Avenue. The issues include extensive parking during American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) games, traffic congestion during school arrival and dismissal times, and unlawful motorist behaviors.

To alleviate these concerns, the AYSO has relocated some of their soccer games to other facilities and the Baldwin Park California Highway Patrol office has provided additional enforcement during school dismissal times. Furthermore, Public Works, the City of La Verne, and the BUSD cooperatively developed proposals, such as installing angled parking on Gladstone Street and imposing time-limit parking restrictions on Ramona Avenue; however, no consensus has been reached on these measures at this time.

A letter detailing these actions and proposals was mailed to the unincorporated residents along with a ballot to indicate their preference. Results of these ballots showed an overwhelming preference to establish the proposed Ramona Preferential Parking District.

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Since the August 27, 2002, Public Hearing, all of the residents on Gladstone Street and the residents on the westerly half of Ghent Street requested withdrawal from the proposed District. To accommodate their request, the Ordinance has been revised.

Attached is the revised Ordinance amending Title 15 - Vehicles and Traffic to establish the Ramona Preferential Parking District Number 1.

At a September 17, 2002, meeting by the Joint Subcommittee of the La Verne City Council and the BUSD Board of Education, public comments reflected varying opinions on the appropriateness of the Ramona Preferential Parking District as the optimal course of action. At the end of the meeting, the City of La Verne Mayor, Jon Blickenstaff, respectfully requested another continuance on this Agenda item. The residents, however, still wish to pursue the Ramona Preferential Parking District.

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